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SUBJ: RIFAI TRIP TO MEET BENSOU DA

REF: AMMAN 4212 (EXDIS)

1. WE HAVE NO CONCRETE INFORMATION ON BASIS OF WHICH TO ASSESS BENSOU DA'S PURPOSE IN WANTING TO MEET WITH RIFAI. WE INCLINED, HOWEVER, TO SEE BENSOU DA'S REQUEST FOR MEETING IN CONTEXT OF GOM'S CURRENT INTENSE DIPLOMACY TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA. BENSOU DA HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SAHARA CAMPAIGN AND TRIPS TO TRIPOLI AND TUNIS, NOTED REFTEL, WERE AT LEAST PARTLY DEVOTED TO THIS EFFORT.

2. AT SAME TIME IT WORTH NOTING THAT BENSOU DA WAS INVOLVED IN JORDANIAN-MOROCCAN AND PALESTINIAN-MOROCCAN CONTACTS IN 1974. HE APPARENTLY ENJOYS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH YASSER ARAFAT, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS HIS HOUSE GUEST DURING LAST YEAR'S ARAB SUMMIT HERE. WE CANNOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT KING HASSAN AGAIN INVOLVING HIMSELF IN JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS THROUGH BENSOU DA, ALTHOUGH GIVEN SAHARA PRE-OCCUPATION, THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE SECOND MAGNITUDE CONCERN FOR GOM.

3. THIRD POSSIBILITY IS THAT BENSOU DA, WHO RECENTLY NEGOTIATED RETURN OF LIBYAN-MOROCCAN RELATIONS TO AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL

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AS WELL AS THE INVITATION ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK TO QADHAFI TO

VISIT RABAT, MAY BE SEEKING TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO TRIPOLI'S
EFFORT TO BETTER ITS ARAB RELATIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT PLUMP FOR ANY OF THESE POSSIBILITIES
WITH CERTITUDE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR BEING PASSED
TO RIFAI ON BACKGROUND WITH APPROPRIATE CAVEAT.
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